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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3150)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying supplementary weighting for shared operational
2 functions of school districts and area education agencies
3 and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
4 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
5 programming for school districts that share operational
6 functions, ~~a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per~~
7 ~~pupil shall be assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that~~
8 shares with a political subdivision one or more operational
9 functions of a curriculum director, school administration
10 manager, or social worker, ~~school nurse, school counselor, or~~
11 ~~school librarian~~, or one or more operational functions in the
12 areas of superintendent management, business management, human
13 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at
14 least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned a
15 supplementary weighting for each shared operational function.
16 A school district that shares an operational function in
17 the area of superintendent management shall be assigned a
18 supplementary weighting of eight pupils for the function. A
19 school district that shares an operational function in the area
20 of business management, human resources, transportation, or
21 operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary
22 weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district
23 that shares the operational functions of a curriculum director,
24 school administration manager, or social worker shall be
25 assigned a supplementary weighting of three pupils for the
26 function. The additional weighting shall be assigned for
27 each discrete operational function shared. However, a school
28 district may receive the additional weighting under this
29 subsection for sharing the services of an individual with a
30 political subdivision even if the type of operational function
31 performed by the individual for the school district and the
32 type of operational function performed by the individual
33 for the political subdivision are not the same operational
34 function, so long as both operational functions are eligible
35 for weighting under this subsection. In such case, the

1 school district shall be assigned the additional weighting
2 for the type of operational function that the individual
3 performs for the school district, and the school district
4 shall not receive additional weighting for any other function
5 performed by the individual. The operational function sharing
6 arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented sharing
7 arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under this
8 subsection. ~~However, to receive supplementary weighting under~~
9 ~~this subsection for an ongoing operational function sharing~~
10 ~~arrangement that began before July 1, 2014, the district~~
11 ~~shall submit information to the department documenting the~~
12 ~~cost savings directly attributable to the shared operational~~
13 ~~functions and describe the district's consideration of~~
14 ~~additional shared operational functions.~~

15 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraphs c and d,
16 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

17 c. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection
18 shall be available to a school district for a maximum of
19 five years during the period commencing with the budget year
20 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning
21 July 1, 2019. ~~The minimum amount of additional weighting~~
22 ~~for which a school district shall be eligible is an amount~~
23 ~~equivalent to ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount~~
24 ~~of additional weighting for which a school district shall be~~
25 ~~eligible in a budget year is an amount equivalent to forty~~
26 ~~eighteen additional pupils. Receipt of supplementary weighting~~
27 ~~by a school district pursuant to this subsection for more~~
28 ~~than one year shall be contingent upon the annual submission~~
29 ~~of information by the district to the department documenting~~
30 ~~cost savings directly attributable to the shared operational~~
31 ~~functions. Criteria for determining the number of years for~~
32 ~~which supplementary weighting shall be received pursuant~~
33 ~~to this subsection, subject to the five-year maximum, and~~
34 ~~for determining qualification of operational functions for~~
35 ~~supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department~~

1 by rule, through consideration of ~~long-term savings by the~~
2 ~~school district or~~ increased student opportunities.

3 d. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection
4 shall be available to an area education agency for a maximum of
5 five years during the period commencing with the budget year
6 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July
7 1, 2019. The minimum amount of additional funding for which
8 an area education agency shall be eligible in a budget year
9 is ~~fifty~~ thirty thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of
10 additional funding for which an area education agency shall
11 be eligible is two hundred thousand dollars. The department
12 of management shall annually set a weighting for each area
13 education agency to generate the approved operational sharing
14 expense using the area education agency's special education
15 cost per pupil amount and foundation level. ~~Receipt of~~
16 ~~supplementary weighting by an area education agency for more~~
17 ~~than one year shall be contingent upon the annual submission~~
18 ~~of information by the district to the department documenting~~
19 ~~cost savings directly attributable to the shared operational~~
20 ~~functions. Criteria for determining the number of years for~~
21 ~~which supplementary weighting shall be received pursuant~~
22 ~~to this subsection, subject to the five-year maximum, and~~
23 ~~the amount generated by the supplementary weighting, and~~
24 ~~for determining~~ qualification of operational functions for
25 supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department
26 by rule, through consideration of ~~long-term savings by the area~~
27 ~~education agency or~~ increased student opportunities.

28 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
29 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 Code section 257.11(7), enacted in 2013 Iowa Acts, chapter
34 65 (HF 472), established supplementary weighting of 0.02 per
35 pupil for school districts and area education agencies that

1 share with a political subdivision one or more operational
2 functions of a curriculum director, school administration
3 manager, social worker, school nurse, school counselor, or
4 school librarian, or one or more operational functions in the
5 areas of superintendent management, business management, human
6 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at
7 least 20 percent of the school year. The additional weighting
8 is assigned for each discrete operational function shared. The
9 supplementary weighting is available to a school district for
10 a maximum of five years during the period commencing with the
11 budget year beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year
12 beginning July 1, 2019. Code section 257.11(7) establishes a
13 minimum amount and a maximum amount of additional weighting
14 for which a school district or area education agency may be
15 eligible.

16 This bill strikes school nurse, school counselor, and school
17 librarian from the list of operational functions for which
18 supplementary weighting is provided to school districts and
19 area education agencies.

20 The bill also strikes the 0.02 per pupil supplementary
21 weighting for school districts and area education agencies and
22 establishes an additional weighting for each shared operational
23 function based on the type of operational function. A school
24 district or area education agency that shares an operational
25 function in the area of superintendent management shall be
26 assigned a supplementary weighting of eight pupils. A school
27 district or area education agency that shares an operational
28 function in the area of business management, human resources,
29 transportation, or operation and maintenance shall be assigned
30 a supplementary weighting of five pupils. A school district or
31 area education agency that shares the operational functions of
32 a curriculum director, a school administration manager, or a
33 social worker shall be assigned a supplementary weighting of
34 three pupils.

35 The bill also provides that a school district may receive

1 the additional weighting for sharing the services of an
2 individual with a political subdivision even if the type of
3 operational function performed by the individual for the school
4 district and the type of operational function performed by
5 the individual for the political subdivision are not the same
6 operational function, so long as both operational functions
7 are eligible for weighting under the bill. In such case, the
8 school district shall be assigned the additional weighting for
9 the type of operational function that the individual performs
10 for the school district, and the school district shall not
11 receive additional weighting for any other function performed
12 by the individual.

13 The bill strikes the minimum amount of additional weighting
14 for which a school district may be eligible and changes
15 the minimum amount of additional funding for which an area
16 education agency is eligible from \$50,000 to \$30,000.

17 The bill provides that the maximum amount of additional
18 weighting for which a school district is eligible in a budget
19 year is 18 additional pupils.

20 The bill also strikes provisions that required certain
21 documentation and reporting of the cost savings directly
22 attributable to shared operational functions and language
23 relating to ongoing operational function sharing agreements
24 that began before July 1, 2014.

25 The bill takes effect upon enactment.